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In re Patent Application of )  
Günther SCHMIDT *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: 1655  
Application No.: 09/462,408 ) Examiner: Betty J. Forman  
Filed: April 10, 2000 )  
For: CHARACTERISING NUCLEIC ACIDS )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the outstanding final Official Action dated December 26, 2001:

one month to April 26, 2002; the extension fee is:

☒ \$55.00 (215) [ ] \$110.00 (115).

[ ] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated

☒ An extension fee in the amount of \$ 55.00 is enclosed.

[ ] Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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